

ASPC Meeting- September 7, 2007

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Angie King	Adult Abuse Prevention Council
Edie Kahn	AIDS Support Network
Meredith Bates	Bates Care Management
Janet Amanzio	Behavioral Health/Mental Health
Colleen McLean	Commission on Aging
Larry Bacus	Community Health Centers
Ann Travers	Department of Social Services
	SLO Supportive Housing Consortium
Cindy Marie Absey	District Attorney/Victim Witness Assistance
John Gannon	Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board
Marsha Bollinger	HIV Prevention, Advocacy & Care Consortium
Lillian Judd	Homeless Services Coordinating Council
Lidia McCune	Hospice of San Luis Obispo County
Helen Sampson	Lifesteps Foundation/Linkages
Karen Stenson	LTC Ombudsman Services of SLO County
Cheryl Kippen	Professional Care Management
Kathleen O'Neill	Public Health Department
Elias Nimeh	Senior Nutrition Program
Carol Schmidt	Senior Peer Counseling
Michael Piepenburg	Veteran's Services
Gail Tutino	Community Health Center
Al Gentle	Peoples' Self-Help Housing
Joyce Heddleson	Coast Caregiver
Mary Schultz	Family Home Care

Introductions and Announcements

•Elias Nimeh, with Senior Nutrition Program, explained that SLO county residents 60 and older who make less than \$18,800 single, or \$25,500 married, are eligible to receive \$20 worth of coupons for Farmers Markets in SLO County for fresh fruits and vegetables. Call 541-3312 for more information. The coupons expire 11/31/07.

•Michael Piepenburg, with Veterans' Services, spoke about the opening of a new Veterans' Clinic in Santa Maria. It will offer Mental Health, Ambulatory, Dental, Physical Therapy, and other assorted services. Within the next few months they hope to be fully staffed and running smoothly. There is still the Veterans' clinic in San Luis Obispo, which offers slightly different services. Veterans are encouraged to call before appointments to be routed to the correct clinic. Ride-On offers Veteran Express, a service that will take veterans into San Luis or Santa Maria for \$3 each way. This program is funded by non-profit groups and is always accepting donations. Veterans needing a ride to the Veterans' Hospital in Los Angeles can take Ride-On to Santa Maria, and then transfer to a free bus for the ride to Los Angeles. At the end of the day the bus would return, coordinating pick up from Ride-On.

•Gail Tutino, from Community Health Center, spoke about The Greenhouse Project. A feasibility study is being done for senior housing on site in Nipomo. CHC is contracting with EOC to continue services that were cut with the recent budget. An obesity class is now being offered.

•Lillian Judd spoke about a new Adult Day Care program offered at Del Ray Apartments in SLO on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Spaces are still available. When the program fills up, Lillian encouraged people to put their names on the waiting list. Volunteers are always needed.

•Transitions Mental Health will be debuting a family advocacy film, *The Shaken Tree, Families Living with Mental Illness*, on October 3, 2007, at the SLO Government Center, 7pm. Invitations will be mailed, or call 541-5144 for more information.

Corrections/Additions to the Synopsis

Angie King noted that page three of the prior synopsis needed the word treatment changed to treated. Synopsis approved with corrections by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

None

AGENDA

Passage of State Budget: Was your program impacted by cuts in health and human services allocations?

- Janet Amanzio, of Behavioral Health/Mental Health, explained that recruiting for new positions will stop and one person instead of four will now do outreach to the community.
- Elias Nimeh stated Senior Nutrition Program funding remained unchanged.
- Karen Stenson, of LTC Ombudsman Services of SLO County, said her program will see an increase of \$790 for fingerprinting.
- Edie Kahn, with AIDS Support Network, said that augmentation was received for outreach programs. Early outreach programs may get an additional small augmentation.
- Lillian Judd, of EOC, explained that budget cuts prevented a new preschool from starting up as planned. EOC has experienced 37% cuts to family planning and education funding.
- Ann Travers, with Department of Social Services, said that, "APS did not receive the \$12million augmentation that was in the state budget. It was vetoed by the Governor. The number of abuse investigations in this county has increased 33% in the first half of 2007. APS staff will be focused on completing investigations and may need to reduce other services."
- Gail Turino, of Community Health Centers, said across the state, budgets were cut by 1/3 for direct medical care for the uninsured.
- Transitions Mental Health will have some of their programs such as HOP (Homeless Outreach Program) dramatically affected by budget cuts.

General discussion was held about ways to advocate politically for next years state budget. It was decided that the Executive Committee would discuss speakers and meeting topics on this issue for future ASPC meetings.

Updates

•Implementation of Medi-Cal managed care:
No Speaker

•Community Health Center:
Larry Bacus reported on several changes. Beginning in March 2008, CenCal will be implemented. Community Health Center is currently working with Santa Barbra on this. Recently, CHC purchased a pediatric group in North County, and is now leasing the old

Mee Memorial space in Paso for medical treatment directed at women and children. The existing San Miguel site is not being used to its full potential, residents are choosing to drive into Paso instead. CHC now has dental clinics in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, and a new one will be opening in San Luis Obispo where the County Public Health Lab used to be. Templeton dental treatment will be expanded and another center may open in Paso.

Committee Reports

- Caregiver Licensing: Meredith Bates said there was no meeting in August. List of caregivers previously requested is on the way.
- Long-term Case Management: Ann Travers thanked Carol Schmidt for setting up the meeting with Ira Alpert at the Wilshire Foundation to discuss long-term care and project management. Ira offered to provide office space for a start up if funding could be found.
- Senior Mental Health Services: No report, no meeting in August.

NEXT MEETING

October 5, 2007
9:00-11:00 am

Department of Social Services
2975 McMillan Road
San Luis Obispo